Improvement in Pune Sewerage System

3144. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have recently received a project report from the Government of Maharashtra to improve Pune Sewerage System and a request for financial assistance for the project; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Construction of homes for the destitute old

3145. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY. Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration for constructing homes for the destitute old in every State; and

(b) what is the number of such homes, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Housing is a State subject and the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations have been given full powers to implement various social housing schemes as per their local requirements and plan priorities.

The recent Housing Ministers' Conference held in May, 1987, resolved that endeavour should be made to ensure that the shelter need of the destitutes are given special attention. This has been forwarded to State Governments/U.T. Administrations for necessary action.

Youth Parliament Scheme

3146. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of States and Union Territories implementing the Youth Parliament Scheme;

(b) what infra-structural facilities are provided under the above scheme to the States; and

(c) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration for enhancing the amount of financial assistance to the States from Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 10,000 for the successful implementation of the above schemes?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Fifteen States and U.Ts. (12 States and 3 UTs) have implemented the Youth Parliament Scheme so far. During the last year two States and one UT claimed financial assistance from the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs for conducting Youth Parliamentary Competitions under the scheme.

(b) Besides providing literature/ material relating to Youth Parliament Scheme, this Ministry organises Orientation courses on 'Youth Parliament' in States/UTs to impart training and guidance and also provides financial assistance towards the reimbursement of expenditure incurred by the States in conducting Youth Parliament.

(c) The amount of financial assistance to the States/UTs has been enhanced from Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 5,000 from this year.